

Claims

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method for providing distributed computing services via a network,
2 comprising:

3 receiving an order for providing an information handling system to a customer;
4 leasing back computing resources of the information handling system provided to
5 the customer; and
6 thereafter using the leased back computing resources for providing distributed
7 computing services.

1 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising configuring the
2 information handling system for providing the leased back computing resources.

1 3. The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising configuring the
2 information handling system prior to delivery of the information handling system.

1 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising providing an
2 incentive to the customer for leasing back the computing resources.

1 5. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise hosting of content on the World Wide Web (WWW).

1 6. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise at least one of storage of data and distributed processing of an
3 application.

1 7. A method for providing distributed computing services via a network,
2 comprising:

3 receiving an order for providing an information handling system to a customer;
4 leasing back computing resources of the information handling system provided to
5 the customer;
6 configuring the information handling system for providing the leased back
7 computing resources; and
8 using the leased back computing resources for providing distributed computing
9 services.

1 8. The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising configuring the
2 information handling system prior to delivery of the information handling system.

1 9. The method as claimed in claim 7, further comprising providing an
2 incentive to the customer for leasing back the computing resources.

1 10. The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise hosting of content on the World Wide Web (WWW).

1 11. The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise at least one of storage of data and distributed processing of an
3 application.

1 12. A method for providing distributed computing services via a network,
2 comprising:

3 entering an agreement with a customer for providing an information handling
4 system to a customer;

5 leasing back computing resources of the information handling system provided to
6 the customer as part of the negotiated agreement;

7 configuring the information handling system for providing the leased back
8 computing resources prior to provision of the information handling system
9 to the customer; and

10 11 using the leased back computing resources for providing distributed computing
services.

1 13. The method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising configuring the
2 information handling system prior to delivery of the information handling system.

1 14. The method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising providing an
2 incentive to the customer for leasing back the computing resources.

1 15. The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the step of negotiating an
2 agreement with a customer further comprises negotiating a lease back agreement for
3 leasing back the computing resources.

1 16. The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising determining if the
2 customer is in compliance with the lease back agreement.

1 17. The method as claimed in claim 16, wherein if the customer is determined
2 to not be in compliance with the lease back agreement, discontinuing the incentive.

1 18. The method as claimed in claim 15, further comprising, after the lease
2 back agreement has expired, determining if the customer wishes to continue leasing back
3 the computing resources.

1 19. The method as claimed in claim 18, further comprising providing a second
2 incentive to the customer for continuing leasing the computing resources.

1 20. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise hosting of content on the World Wide Web (WWW).

1 21. The method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise at least one of storage of data and distributed processing of an
3 application.

1 22. A system for providing distributed computing services via a network,
2 comprising:

3 a system manager; and

4 a plurality of information handling systems furnishing computing resources
5 suitable for use by the system manager for providing the distributed
6 computing services, wherein the computing resources are acquired by the
7 service provider by:

8 entering an agreement with a customer for providing an
9 information handling system to a customer;

10 leasing back computing resources of the information handling
11 system provided to the customer as part of the agreement;
12 and

13 configuring the information handling system for providing the
14 leased back computing resources.

1 23. The system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the information handling
2 system is configured prior to delivery of the information handling system.

1 24. The system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the service provider provides
2 an incentive to the customer for leasing back the computing resources.

1 25. The system as claimed in claim 24, wherein negotiating an agreement with
2 a customer further comprises negotiating a lease back agreement for leasing back the
3 computing resources.

1 26. The system as claimed in claim 25, wherein the service provider further
2 determines if the customer is in compliance with the lease back agreement.

1 27. The system as claimed in claim 26, wherein if the customer is determined
2 to not be in compliance with the lease back agreement, the service provider discontinues
3 the incentive.

1 28. The system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise hosting of content on the World Wide Web (WWW).

1 29. The system as claimed in claim 22, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise at least one of storage of data and distributed processing of an
3 application.

1 30. A method for providing distributed computing services via a network,
2 comprising steps:

3 entering an agreement with a customer for providing an upgrade to an information
4 handling system to a customer;
5 leasing back computing resources of the information handling system for which
6 the upgrade is provided as part of the negotiated agreement;
7 configuring the information handling system for providing the leased back
8 computing resources prior to provision of the information handling system
9 to the customer; and
10 using the leased back computing resources for providing distributed computing
11 services.

1 31. The method as claimed in claim 30, further comprising configuring the
2 information handling system prior to delivery of the information handling system.

1 32. The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise hosting of content on the World Wide Web (WWW).

1 33. The method as claimed in claim 30, wherein the distributed computing
2 services comprise at least one of storage of data and distributed processing of an
3 application.